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TAGS: OVIP, HENRY A KISSINGER

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS

REF: BEIRUT 664

1. SCOTES INFORMED US JAN 18 THAT SYRIANS HAVE
ARRANGED FOLLOWING PROGRAM FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT
DAMASCUS JANUARY 20. DETAILS YET TO BE WORKED OUT BUT
GENERAL OUTLINE IS AS FOLLOWS: THE OFFICIAL PARTY
GOES FROM AIRPORT TO GUEST HOUSE AND THEN MEETS WITH
SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER. FOLLOWING MEETING THERE WILL
BE "QUICK LUNCH" AND THEN A VISIT TO OMAID MOSQUE.
AFTER MOSQUE VISIT, REMAINDER OF TIME WILL BE DEVOTED
TO SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT ASAD.

2. PROGRAM HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO ENABLE SECRETARY
VISIT OMAID MOSQUE IN DAYLIGHT ACD TO ASSURE MAXIMUM
TIMEFOR CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT AUAD.

3. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR WILL BE AT AIRPORT FOR SECRETARY'S
ARRIVAL AND WILL ATTEND LUNCH. HE WILL, OF COURSE, BE
INVOLVED IN NO OTHER PART OF PROGRAM. AS FAR AS
PRECEDENCE IS CONCERNED, HE WILL RANK DIRECTLY AFTER

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AMBASSADOR BUNKER.

4. PLEASE LET US KNOW SOONEST IF THERE IS PROBLEM
WITH ANY ASPECT OF ABOVE. IN ABSENCE REACTION, SCOTES
WILL ASSUME PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN ACCEPTABLE TO SECRETARY.

5. THE SYRIANS WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE HAVING INFO REQUESTED
BEIRUT'S 0630 SOONEST.
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